

The Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the  
City-Council

Austin Tex Aug 21. 1893

Hon Henry A. Linn president of the board of  
Aldermen presiding.

Roll Call Present - 16

Aldermen Anderson. Asmann. Hancock. Hume

Jackson. Linn. Miller. Platt. Powell. Raymond.

Schneider. Schuber. Shelly. Taylor. Tammend. Wurmuth

Absent = 6

Aldermen. Dawson. Fischer. Glass. Kettun. Kitchke. North

The minutes of the meeting of the City Council which  
was held on the 7th day of August 1893 were adopted  
as printed.

Petitions. Etc

Pet of Achilles & Wilson. A petition from G. Achilles and W.H. Wilson stating that  
stand pipe at the corner of Rutherford and Lavaca  
streets is a nuisance and requesting the removal of the  
same. was read and ordered filed the pipe having already  
been removed.

Alderman Glass entered the council and answered  
to his name.

By Alderman Platt

A petition from M. R. Jones for permission to erect  
a shed to be covered with corrugated iron on block 65  
corner of Bois D arc and Neveces streets.

It was referred to the Committee on fire department by a  
rising vote of 10 to 6

Aldermen Fischer and North entered the council and  
answered to their names

By Alderman Hancock

A petition of citizens and tax payers which states that by  
reason of a so called park being run on east eleventh street  
near a beer Saloon the peace quiet and dignity of the city in  
the thickly settled section where said so called park is located is  
disturbed beyond the forbearance of the most law abiding  
citizen night being made hideous by shouts and the discordant  
notes of a brass band.

It was referred to the Committee on police

Reports of Committees.

Alderman North for the Committee on ordinances to whom was  
referred an ordinance entitled "an ordinance to prevent the  
disturbance and to regulate the catching of fish in the Colorado  
river within the corporate limits of the city of Austin and  
providing a penalty for the violation thereof. Presented a report  
thereon recommending the passage of the same.

The report was read over.

Report of the  
Committee on Police  
and Fire Department  
for the 1st month of August  
1893. Alderman North reported that the number of stock  
fed furnished to the city by various ranches etc. in those  
months was estimated by the city engineer as not being of good  
quality and that the chairman of the committee on

purchaser had instructed the City Engineers to procure fuel from some other source until the expiration of the city's contract with Meers Co., J. Martin & Co. when bids will be invited and permanent arrangements made.

The report was adopted

Council Rpt - on the  
Proposal of the  
Receiver of M.S.P.C.

By Alderman Anderson for the Committee on water and light to whom was referred a proposal from the receiver of the Austin Water Light and Power Company agreeing to supply the City with water for six months ending Dec 31 1893 as follows:

First, for fire protection (170 lbs stand) \$6000

Second - For flushing gutters on Congress Avenue and Sixth Street, the City Cemetery, City Hall, Fire Department buildings, Public School buildings, and 15 public watering troughs. for the full amount of the City Advalorem taxes assessed against the company for 1893. presented a report thereon recommending that the proposal be not accepted because it was excessive in amount.

The report was adopted

Alderman Anderson for the Committee on water and light to whom was referred a proposal from the Austin Gas Light and Coal Company agreeing to furnish additional street lights offered a report thereon recommending that it be not accepted and the report was adopted.

Aldermen Hitchcock, Dawson, and Ketchum entered the Council and answered to their names

Alderman Assman was excused

Alderman Anderson for the Committee on water and light to whom was referred the following resolution, to wit:

"Resolved by the City-Council of the city of Austin that the Mayor is hereby authorized to appoint a Special Committee of two members of the City Council and two members of the Board of Public Works whose duty it shall be to prepare a statement to the Citizens of Austin giving an estimate of when the power house and water and electric light system of the City now in course of construction will be ready for use the estimated cost to the consumers of water and light, when said system is under headway, and fully and impartially stating any other facts in connection with said enterprise and the impediments thrown in way of its construction that may be of interest and enlightenment to the Citizens of Austin and that such statement when fully complete shall be immediately given out for publication" presented the following report thereon

Report of Committee

To the Honorable Mayor and City-Council

Your Committee to whom was referred the within resolution of Alderman Raymond are unable to give the information requested on account of the stringency of the money market thereby not being able to form any idea as to what bonds can be sold."

The report was adopted after which Alderman Raymond made the following finding of facts.

"1st - The Austin Electric Light Company has no authority to make any report other than favorable or unfavorable upon the passage of the resolution as the resolution provides

for the appointment of a special committee to make a statement etc to the citizen of Lincoln and the resolution was never amended so as to substitute the regular and light committee for the special committee provided in the resolution.

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Rulings by the chair

The Chair ruled on this point as follows: "In the opinion of the Chair the point of order is not well taken Second point of order:

Second--The resolution has never been passed by the council and therefore no committee has any authority either to make or refuse to make the statement called for in the resolution as it is neither to carry out or attempt to carry out the provisions of the resolution until the same has been voted on and passed by the City Council"

On this point the chair ruled as follows:

"In the opinion of the chair the point of order is not well taken. Alderman Raymond appealed from the decisions of the chair whereupon the chair put the question, "Shall the rulings of the chair be sustained" and it was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, Ayes 17.

Aldermen Anderson, Fischer, Dawson, Glass, Hancock, Hume Jackson, Miller, North, Mackie, Powell, Schneider, Schuber, Shelley Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth.

Nays 3

Alderman Kitchum, Platt, Raymond.

Alderman Taylor moved to reconsider the vote by which the report of the committee on the resolution was adopted and the motion prevailed.

Alderman Raymond moved the adoption of the resolution. Alderman North was called to the chair

Alderman Linn moved to lay the resolution on the table and the motion prevailed by the following vote

Ayes 14

Aldermen Anderson, Glass, Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Linn, Mackie, North, Powell, Schneider, Schuber, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth.

Nays 7

Aldermen Dawson, Fischer, Kitchum, Miller, Platt, Raymond, Shelley.

Alderman Raymond moved that a full report of the action of the Council in regard to the resolution be published in the minutes and the motion carried.

Alderman Linn took the Chair

Unfinished Business

An Ordinance entitled an ordinance to prevent the obstruction and regulating fishing and to regulate the catching of fish in the Colorado river within the corporate limits of the city of Lincoln and providing a penalty for violation thereof" was taken up in the third reading and soon after which Alderman Shelley offered the following amendment to Section 1 thereof "and at my first word three rods above the foot of Main street

Alderman Raymond moved to amend the amendment by striking out "rod" and inserting in their place "100" and the motion carried.

amendment  
adopted.

The amendment as amended was then adopted by  
the following vote

Yea 14

Aldermen Anderson, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock  
Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Lin, Miller, Nichols, North, Platt,  
Powell, Raymond, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor, Trammell.

Nays 2

Aldermen Schubel, Townsend

Alderman Nichols was excused

Ordinance passed by the following vote

Yea 18. Aldermen Anderson, Dawson, Fischer, Glass  
Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Lin, Miller, North, Platt.

Powell, Raymond, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor, Trammell.

Nays 2 Aldermen Schubel, Townsend

2nd Business

By Alderman Trammell

An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$137.73  
for the purpose of paying the City National Bank the  
amount overpaid by Mrs L. E. Robertson through City  
National Bank in settlement of back taxes this being in  
accordance with the recommendation of the City Attorney

It was read the first time after which motions were  
made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on  
its second and third readings, each of which were adopted  
by a two thirds vote of the whole board of Aldermen.

The ordinance was accordingly read and on motion passed  
by the following vote

Yea 14

Aldermen Anderson, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock  
Jackson, Lin, Powell, Schneider, Schubel, Shelley, Taylor  
Townsend, Trammell.

Nays 6

Hume, Ketchum, Miller, North, Platt, Raymond.

By Alderman Glass

Whereas the vault of one Grumblee situated in a  
private graveyard in East Austin east of the present City  
cemetery is in a dilapidated condition. Be it  
Resolved, By the City Council of the city of Austin that  
the city-health officer be and is hereby ordered to have  
said vault torn down and have remains of said  
Grumblee interred in said graveyard according to the  
ordinances governing same.

On motion of Alderman North it was referred to Committee  
on cemetery.

The following was read

(Mayors Office )  
(Austin (deputy 17))

Gentlemen of the City Council,

I have the honor to report the sale of twelve thousand  
dollars (\$12,000) more or less of the Austin water works and  
electric light bonds to Mr Bernard Longene of Kansas  
City Mo at ninety five cents (95 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) on the dollar for the

Ordinance appropriate  
\$137.73 overpaid  
Taxes

Ordinance passed

Officer to have  
down the Grumblee  
vault

Referred to Committee  
on cemetery

purpose of adjusting the balance of his account against the city and I respectfully ask that you ratify said sale.

Respectfully

John McDowell

Mayor

Moved by Alderman  
Public works

Alderman Weller moved to refer the communication back to the Board of Public Works for report as to whether the price to be paid for bonds is 95 cents and accrued interest.

Adopted

Report of Commissioners  
of Travis County on  
Bouldin Bridge

A report was received from the Commissioners Court of Travis County to the effect that the Bouldin Bridge and approaches are complete and that the court desire the City to pay over to the county treasurer one-half of the costs of same, namely \$25-00.

On motion of Alderman Platt the report was referred to the Street Committee and City Engineer with instructions to report on the matter at the next meeting of the City Council.

Pet of A. B. Dean

Alderman Shelley for the Committee on claims and accounts made a verbal report on the petition and affidavit of A. B. Dean in regard to an error made by the Board of Equalization for the year 1892 in assessing a note against him which he did not own on the first day of January 1892 and on motion the petition was granted releasing Mr. Dean from the payment of taxes on this note.

Res to widen Dyke

By Alderman Dawson - A resolution providing for the widening of the dyke between the bridge over the Colorado River and Bouldin Creek bridge. The resolution provides "that the city join the County in making said improvement by furnishing a force of men and teams equal to that furnished by the County provided the cost of making such improvement can be obtained without cost to the City. Provided the City teams can be furnished so as not to prevent work in other parts of the city that is that only a part of the City force will be employed at any one time and under the direction of the City engineer". The resolution was adopted.

At com & city engineer be requested to consider the question of providing to examine (nowing) a suitable crossing at which wagon etc may conveniently cross Bull Creek near the lake and to report the result of such investigation at its next meeting.

Carried

The Council then adjourned

Milton Morris,

City Clerk